State/District	Forest Area	Sample Plot.	Extent of Fire incidence						
			Very Heavy	Heavy	Frequent	Occassional	No Fire	Uniec	Total
West Bengal	576481	1471	477397	0	6564338	13565246	3444318	30276	576481
Dadra & Nagar	186.49	62	0	0	0	180.8953	5.5947	0	186.49
GRAND TOTAL	209003.48	30747	1817.122	289.19	10794.1571	89998.3305	101951.188	4154.07	209004.1
PERCENTAGE			0.87	0.14	5.16	43.06	48.78	1.99	100.00

Project proposals under National Natural Resource Management System (NNRMS)

2190. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate number of good projects proposals were not received under National Natural Resource Management System (NNRMS);

(b) if so, the reasons for non submission of adequate proposals; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to get more proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Inadequate number of good proposals were received due to specialised nature of the subject of remote sensing and its applications in the field of environmental sciences.

(c) Concerned institutions in the country have since been approached for formulation and submission of the proposals in this subject for consideration by the Ministry.

दुर्लभ वन्य जीवों को अवैध रूप से कैद में रखना

2191. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
प्रो॰ रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या दिल्ली तथा देश में अनेक अन्य शहरों में स्थित फार्म-हाउसों में बड़ी संख्या में दुर्लभ-प्रजाति के वन्य जीवों को अवैध रूप से कैद करके रखा गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो अवैध रूप से कैद में रखे गए वन्य जीवों का ब्यौरा क्या है और सभी शहरों में फार्म-हाउसों में कैद करके अवैध रूप से रखे गए वन्य जीवों को मुक्त करवाने हेतु सरकार क्या तात्कालिक कार्यवाही करने पर विचार कर रही है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबू लाल मरांडी): (क) जी, हां। दिली और बम्बई के विभिन्न भागों से काले हिरण और अन्य वन्य प्राणियों को पकड़ने की रिपोर्टें हैं।

(ख) मुख्य वन्यजीव वार्डन ने दिल्ली के भिन्न-भिन्न क्षेत्रों से 13 काले हिरण पकड़े जाने की सूचना दी है। बम्बई में भी फार्म हाऊस से एक काला हिरण, एक गोरनी और दो चितकबरे हिरण पकड़े गए।

इस प्रकार के मामलों का पता लगाने के लिए बड़े पैमाने पर सूचना एकत्र की जाती है और अचानक छापे मारे जाते हैं।

Checking illicit trade in wildlife

2192. SHRI JAYANT KUMAR MALHOUTRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an inter-ministerial group to check illicit trade in wildlife;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to seek cooperation from the countries where wildlife products are sold openly;

(d) whether Government also propose to amend the Wildlife Protection Act to deal more effectively with the wildlife and forest-related crimes; and

(e) if so, the detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) A special inter ministerial coordination and enforcement committee for strengthening measures for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife comprising of members from Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Finance has been constituted.

(c) International trade in wildlife and wildlife products are regulated under the provisions of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). About 140 countries are member of CITES. India is also one of the member and regularly monitors the international trade in wild animals.

A transboundary meeting was held between India and Nepal in Kathmandu in 1997 to look into the issues of illegal trade of wildlife parts and products across Indo-Nepal Border.

(d) and (e) Yes Sir. The Government has proposed to enhance the penalties and make it more stringent.

Increasing incidents of poaching

2193. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
DR. B.B. DUTTA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some film actors were caught shooting endangered species of Deer in Rajasthan in violation of the Wildlife Conservation Act, 1972;

(b) whether poaching for sport or commercial purposes is rampant and posing a serious threat to our wildlife, especially protected species like Tiger, Leopard, Elephants, Rhino etc.

(c) whether the present security arrangements by the Forest Department are ineffective; and

(d) what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Instances of poaching for sport & commercial purposes come to the notice of the Government from time to time.

(c) As the economic benefits of poaching and illegal trade in wild animal and products increase, there is a greater need for strengthening the enforcement infrastructure including availability of better equipment and improved communication.

(d) Central Government provides assistance to the State Governments for purchase of vehicles, fire arms and erection of wireless network. Training programmes on techniques of detection and investigation have also been organised

सौराष्ट्र में औद्योगिक एककों द्वारा पेयजल तथा कृषि भूमि को प्रदूषित किया जाना

2119. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को सौराष्ट्र और दक्षिणी गुजरात में पेयजल और कृषि भूमि को वहां स्थापित औद्योगिक एककों द्वारा प्रदूषित किए जाने की जानकारी है और यदि हां, तो क्या इस संबंध में कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार द्वारा इस दिशा में जागरूकता उत्पन्न करने हेतु कोई कदम उठाए गए हैं और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और